(*b*) whether the loss sustained by Government thereby was made good during the time of Dewan Mr. V. P. Madhava Rao?

Mr. K. George (*Land Revenue and Income-Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A tax at the rate of Rs. 4000 per annum for the first 15 years and at Rs. 5,000 for the next 15 years was fixed. The agreement regarding the same was executed after Mr. V. P. Madhava Rao left the service of the State.

Financial position of persons appointed in the State Service.

35. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they take into consideration the financial embarrassments of a person before he is appointed in any responsible place either in the Judicial Department or in any other department of the State?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevaniratha Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes, so far as is practicable.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether at any time any person has been refused appointment on the ground of financial embarrassment?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevaniratha Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I am not aware of any such instance.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the financial embarrassment of an applicant will be taken into consideration before he is appointed in a place?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevaniratha Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes, as far as possible.

Road by the side of the Malankara Rubber Estate.

36. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a village road from the front side of the Karikode temple, Thodupuzha *via* Malankara Rubber Estate to the Todupuzha-Arakulam road;

(*b*) whether the portion of this village road from Karikode to the residence of the Superintendent of the Malankara Rubber Estate has not been converted into a public road;

(*c*) whether maintenance is being sanctioned for the remaining portion of the village road;

(*d*) whether expenditure is being incurred there accordingly;

(*e*) whether public traffic through this portion is being prevented or right of way obstructed on the road by the planters; and

(*f*) whether the planters have closed any other pathways opened in the estate at Government cost?

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Mr. K. Madhava Kurup (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Three miles have been improved, but only 2 miles and 3,040 feet are now being maintained.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Government are not aware.

(*f*) No.

Devicolam Cutcherry Settlement.

37. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total area of the Devicolam Cutcherry Settlement ;

(*b*) the total area of fuel reserve in such settlement ;

(*c*) the number of houses built at Government expense as quarters for Government servants and the number of private houses, if any, in such settlement ; and

(*d*) the number of public offices located in such settlement?

Mr. K. George : (*a*) 174·34 acres excluding fuel reserve.

(*b*) 195·36 acres.

(*c*) 66 buildings as quarters for Government servants and 31 private houses.

(*d*) 13.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : With reference to part (*c*) of the answer, may I know what will be the area occupied by all the buildings together?

Mr. K. George : I am not in a position to say that.

Rates of fees for the occupation of travellers' bungalows.

38. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : Will the Government be pleased to state whether uniform rates are charged for officials and non officials for the occupation of travellers' bungalows and, if not, the reason therefor ?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup ; Yes. But some concession is allowed in the case of officers drawing a salary of less than Rs. 300 in view of the frequency and necessity of their tours in the interests of Government work, which necessitate their camping in travellers' bungalows.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know from Government whether the rates fixed for the officials and the non-officials are the same ?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup : The rates for the officials and non-officials are the same, but some concession is given to officers drawing a salary below Rs. 300.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know what that concession is ?

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